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SUBJ: ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT MEETING

WE UNDERSTAND FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT EFFORTS BY MOROCCO AND
ALGERIA TO PROMOTE ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS
HAVE BEEN AT LEAST PROVISIONALLY SIDETRACKED BY COMBINED EGYPTIAN
AND SYRIAN OPPOSITION. ALGERIAN SPECIAL ENVOY KARIM BELKACEM
VISITED DAMASCUS OCT 28 AND REPORTEDLY FAILED CONVINCE SARG OF
NEED FOR SUMMIT. FOLLOWING HAFEZ ASSAD'S OCT 29 SPEECH, BOTH
SYRIANS ANE EGYPTIANS APPEAR TO OBSERVORS HERE AS PREPARED ENTER
NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT ADDED HANDICAP OF TRYING CONVINCE OTHER ARAB
GOVTS OF CORRECTNESS THEIR POSITIONS. BUFFUM UNQTE KISSINGER

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